


September 2, 1972
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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This concerns information from a [redacted] Spring Valley, California, alleging that since World War II, Basque sheep herdsman coming from Spain to the United States to work on sheep ranches must put up \$500 bond with United States Immigration and Naturalization Service upon arrival in United States. Thereafter, Senator Mansfield introduced separate bills to Congress granting U. S. citizenship to select Basque herdsman. Upon passage of bill the \$500 bond is returned to the Basque who gives money to Senator Mansfield. This is being forwarded to Criminal Division of the Department for advice as to whether any further investigation is desired.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR

W. MARK FELT, ACTING ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

LITTLE ROCK

FROM: SAN DIEGO (58-NEW)

U.S. SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD (D-MONTANA),

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gws [redacted] *complaint calif* [redacted] U.S.

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE (USINS), SPRING

VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, WHO REQUESTED HIS IDENTITY BE PROTECTED

THIS DATE, ADVISED [redacted] [redacted]

GENERAL DELIVERY, ROGERS, ARKANSAS, WHO PRIOR TO HIS RETURN

WORKED IN THE STATE OF MONTANA AND RELATED FOLLOWING TO HIM

SEVERAL YEARS AGO:

SINCE END OF WORLD WAR II, BASQUE SHEEP HERDSMAN HAVE

BEEN COMING INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM SPAIN TO WORK ON SHEEP

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PAGE TWO

RANCHES PRIMARILY LOCATED IN STATES OF MONTANA, IDAHO AND NEVADA. THE BASQUES PUT A FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND WITH USINS UPON ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES. SUBSEQUENTLY, MANSFIELD INTRODUCED SEPARATE BILLS TO CONGRESS GRANTING UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP TO SELECT BASQUE HERDSMEN. UPON PASSAGE OF THE BILL THE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND IS RETURNED TO BASQUE WHO IN TURN GIVES THE MONEY TO MANSFIELD.

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LITTLE ROCK AT ROGERS, ARKANSAS WILL INTERVIEW

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TO SACS LITTLE ROCK
SAN DIEGO

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FROM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
W. MARK FELT
ACTING ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

"CHANGED" U.S. SENATOR MICHAEL J. MANSFIELD; BRIBERY; COI,
OO: SAN DIEGO.

RESDNITEL TO THE BUREAU AND LITTLE ROCK DATED DECEMBER ONE
INSTANT, CAPTIONED "U.S. SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD (D - MONTANA)".

TITLE CHANGED TO SET FORTH SENATOR MANSFIELD'S CORRECT NAME.

RECEIVING OFFICES NOTE BUREAU HAS DELETED OPERATION CLEAN
SWEEP FROM TITLE OF THIS MATTER AND YOU SHOULD DO THE SAME.

NO DISSEMINATION IS TO BE MADE BY ANY OFFICE IN THIS MATTER.
SAN DIEGO PROMPTLY SUBMIT LHM AND CLOSE YOUR CASE. LITTLE ROCK
IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW AND SUBMIT LHM REPORTING SAME
BY CLOSING COVER AIRTEL.

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Teletype to SACs Little Rock

San Diego

Re: "Changed", U.S. Senator Michael J. Mansfield

NOTE: [redacted] [redacted] Spring Valley.

California, advised [redacted] [redacted] told him several years ago that since the end of World War II Basque sheep herdsman have been coming into the United States from Spain to work on sheep ranches located primarily in Montana, Idaho, and Nevada. These immigrants place a \$500 bond with INS upon arrival in this country. Subsequently, Senator Mansfield introduced separate bills in Congress, granting U.S. citizenship to certain Basque herdsman. Upon passage of the bill, the bond was returned to the individual who in turn gave the money to Senator Mansfield. Little Rock is attempting to interview [redacted] to secure his full knowledge of this matter. Upon receipt of the results of this interview the Bureau will forward same to the ~~Deputy~~ ^{But} Attorney General with the request that the ~~Deputy~~ ^{But} Attorney General advise what investigation, if any, is desired in this matter.

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

December 14, 1972

For the Acting Director, FBI
W. Mark Felt
Acting Associate Director

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UNITED STATES SENATOR
MICHAEL J. MANSFIELD
BRIBERY -
CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. Gallagher
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1 - Mr. Bowers,
(Room 4232)

Enclosed herewith are two copies each of two memoranda dated December 5, 1972, at San Diego, California, and December 11, 1972, at Little Rock, Arkansas, respectively.

The source described in the enclosed memorandum dated December 5, 1972, stated Senator Mansfield introduced legislation to the United States Congress to grant United States citizenship to select Basque herdsmen in return for \$500 each from those herdsmen. The source stated he received this information from several years ago prior to from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

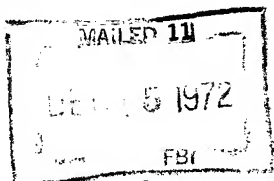
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The memorandum dated December 11, 1972, sets forth an interview of wherein he denied ever having made such a statement regarding Senator Mansfield.

No further action will be taken in this case in the absence of a specific request from you.

Enclosures (4)

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Date: 12/5/72

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (58-332) (C)

UNITED STATES SENATOR MICHAEL J. MANSFIELD
BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST
 (OO: San Diego)

M. Mansfield

Re San Diego nitel to Bureau 12/1/72; Bureau nitel to San Diego 12/4/72.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies, and for Little Rock two copies, of an LHM which are not to be disseminated.

Source in LHM is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Spring Valley, California.

Source advised that he wants his identity protected, inasmuch as he is a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a current [REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 4) (RM)
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 1 - San Diego

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*Letter to HAG,
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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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San Diego, California

December 5, 1972

UNITED STATES SENATOR
MICHAEL J. MANSFIELD
BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A source with whom contact has been insufficient to judge the reliability of his information and who requested that his identity be kept confidential on December 1, 1972, furnished the following information on Senator Mansfield:

Since the end of World War II, Basque sheepherders have been immigrating to the United States from Spain to work on sheep ranches located primarily in the states of Montana, Idaho, and Nevada. Upon arriving in the United States, the Basque herdsmen post a \$500 bond with the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Subsequently, the subject causes legislation to be introduced to the United States Congress granting United States citizenship to select Basque herdsmen. Upon passage of the bill, the \$500 bond posted is returned to the Basque, who in turn gives the money to Senator Mansfield.

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Date: 12/11/72

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (58-112) -RUC-
SUBJECT: UNITED STATES SENATOR MICHAEL J. MANSFIELD
BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST
OO: SAN DIEGO

Re San Diego teletype to Bureau and Little Rock dated 12/1/72, and Bureau teletype to Little Rock and San Diego dated 12/4/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM. Enclosed for San Diego is one copy of LHM.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
215 U. S. Post Office Building
P. O. Box 1111
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203
December 11, 1972

UNITED STATES SENATOR MICHAEL J. MANSFIELD
BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/11/72

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[redacted] Rogers, Arkansas,
was contacted and furnished the following information:

b7C He is a [redacted] for the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Prior to [redacted] he was stationed in Walla Walla, Washington, and in [redacted] was transferred to the INS District Office at Helena, Montana. For a period of time he worked out of Scobie, Montana. In January, [redacted] he retired and did seasonal work for Immigration and Naturalization Service until [redacted]. He then returned to active duty with the Customs Service until [redacted] when he retired permanently.

In the way of background information, he stated that the Immigration Act of 1917, Section 3, provided for no common laborer or unskilled laborer to enter the United States unless a definite need had been established and then entry into the United States would be permitted only with a posted bond.

Shortly after World War II a number of Spanish sheep herdsman were allowed to enter the United States. At that time he was stationed in Walla Walla, Washington, and had a number of the immigrants travel through his office en route Northern Nevada, Washington State, and Idaho.

The usual method of having the immigrants enter the country was for an importer, either a large rancher or an association composed of numerous ranchers, to establish the need for this particular type of labor and then recruit the aliens to work at that particular job. The importer then posted a bond of \$500 with the Immigration and Naturalization Service and thereafter withheld \$50 per month, or a fixed sum, from the wages of the alien until the bond was paid off. To the best of his recollection there was no written permission or legal reason for the importer to withhold the money from

On 12/4/72 at Rogers, Arkansas File # LR 58-112

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] b7C
SA [redacted] RJOC:val Date dictated 12/6/72

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the wages. This was done as a matter of practice until the \$500 bond was paid off. This had the effect of releasing the importer from any responsibility for the alien because the alien would now be holding his own bond. He and others in the Immigration and Naturalization Service discussed this aspect of the alien carrying his own bond and in his opinion that was not the intent of the law.

There were numerous private bills submitted to Congress which requested an adjustment in the legal entry status of the aliens. The bill would be submitted along with the names of those particular immigrants. In order for an immigrant's name to be included in the bill, the immigrant signed over to the importer or the association his \$500 bond. This was to defray expenses connected with the services of an attorney and the travel of various representatives in promoting the bill.

[redacted] an attorney from Salt Lake City, Utah, was the attorney for the Northern Idaho Sheep Growers Association located in Boise and Twin Falls, Idaho. [redacted] did substantial work for the association, including recruiting trips to Spain and submission of bills to Congress requesting a change in the immigrant's status. b7C

He did not recall ever having made any statement regarding Senator MIKE MANSFIELD inasmuch as he had very little to do with the aliens in Montana and to the best of his recollection, Senator MANSFIELD was never involved in any of the cases which he handled.

April 9, 1973

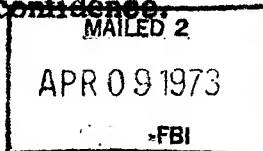
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Michael J. Mansfield
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Mansfield:

I was glad you could be present last Thursday afternoon during my testimony before the Subcommittee concerning the FBI's appropriation request for the 1974 fiscal year.

It is an enjoyable privilege for me to appear in support of our needs and to discuss with you and your fellow members our operations and accomplishments. All of us in the FBI appreciate the support of the Subcommittee and we hope we shall always merit your confidence.



Sincerely,

Pat Gray

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